



Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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Missouri Will Receive \$42.2 Million Homeland Security Grant

Jefferson City – Missouri Governor Bob Holden today announced that Missouri will receive a Department of Homeland Security Grant totaling \$42,221,000.

“Missouri will use the grant funding for costs related to homeland security preparedness activities association with implementing the State Homeland Security Strategy. Our goal is to enhance the coordination of regional efforts to prevent, respond to, and recovery from incidents involving chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive (CBRNE) weapons and cyber attacks,” Holden said.

The funds will be divided into three categories: \$32 Million to enhance Emergency Responders capabilities to respond to an terrorism incident; \$9 Million for Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program; and \$660,000 for Citizen Corps activities.

State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) as the State Administrative Agency for the grant will be contacting all eligible jurisdictions concerning the grant application process.

Interoperable Communications Grant Package To Be Mailed April 1

Applications for the Missouri Department of Homeland Security Interoperable Communications Grant will be due May 15 to the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA). Missouri programmed \$3.5 million for Interoperable Communications from FY'03 Homeland Security grant program. This grant is specifically targeted toward jurisdictions that have not received Homeland Security grants to set up the regional homeland security response teams. This grant money is for equipment and software purchases only.

The grant allows jurisdictions to purchase communication equipment in three distinct categories: Interoperable Communications Equipment, Computer-aided dispatch systems (911 and enhanced 911), and Commercially available crisis management EOC software. A separate grant application must be filled out for each category.

Jurisdictions that received the Law Enforcement Ensemble may apply if they did not receive previous Homeland Security grants. Jurisdictions in one of the following categories **are not eligible**: FY00/01 Fund Recipients, FY 02 Fund Recipients, FY 03 Part 1 or Part II Fund Recipients or UASI Recipients. UASI Recipients include Kansas City and St. Louis City, and the adjoining counties and jurisdictions with a UASI mutual aid agreement.

For more information contact Ricky Presberry at (573) 526-9223 or Ricky.Presberry@sema.dps.mo.gov. Grant information and the application can be downloaded from SEMA's homepage: sema.dps.mo.gov

See You At the Spring Conference, April 11-14

The SEMA/MEPA Spring Conference will be April 11-14 at Osage Beach. Conference Coordinator Cathy Zumwalt said as of March 25th, there are 66 exhibitors and 564 registrants. The conference will feature a variety of speakers, workshops, exhibitors and numerous networking opportunities. Additionally, chaplains will also hold a spiritual/crisis-counseling workshop in conjunction with the Spring Conference. Hotel reservations should be made directly with Tan-Tar-A. Registrations should be mailed to Cathy Zumwalt c/o Spring Conference, MEPA, at PO Box 10455, Jefferson City, MO 65110.

Citizen Corps funding Grant Deadline Extended to April 23

The grant application for Citizen Corps funding for 2004 has been extended to April 23. Meg McLaughlin, Citizen Corps Coordinator will be available to answer questions at the SEMA/MEPA conference in April. You will be able to meet her at the Citizen Corps/CERT display. Any community interested in forming a citizen council should mail their application to: Meg McLaughlin, Citizens Corps Coordinator, State Emergency Management Agency, P. O. Box 116, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0116.

Spring Newsletters Posted to Homepage

The spring newsletters for SEMA, Mitigation, MERC, MAFPM and MEPA are posted to the SEMA homepage. **The new SEMA homepage address is: sema.dps.mo.gov.** The newsletters include information on upcoming conferences, training opportunities, and features such as the State's Full scale Agra-terrorism Exercise, Earthquake Awareness activities and Rocket Deployed Parachute safety instructions.

Medical Reserve Corp Conference Call Conducted

SEMA recently hosted a conference call for all funded Medical Reserve Corps programs, local public health agency volunteer coordinators and State Department of Health and Senior Services to discuss Medical Reserve Corps efforts statewide. Most programs are in the infancy stage with Kansas City having the most fully developed program at this point. Overall, participants felt that a statewide initiative would be tremendously helpful. Issues of liability, marketing, legislation and coordinated training could then be addressed at a state level. The State Department of Health and Senior Services will explore this option and potentially use the conference call group as a task force to develop a program. For a full list of participants and notes from the call, contact Meg McLaughlin at meg.mclaughlin@sema.dps.mo.gov or 573-526-9256.

52 First Responders Attend Tanker Training

52 First Responders attended a two-day Tank Truck Emergency Response Workshop in Washington. Safe Transportation Training Specialists of Carmel, IN, taught the class. The class, which cost \$7500, was paid by the Franklin County LEPC. First responders included St. Louis and Kansas City environmental specials from two metropolitan environmental clean up companies, four Washington police officers, and firefighters from Washington, New Haven, Boles, Marthasville, St. Clair, Union and Kirksville.

AVA/Douglas County EMA Sets Open House for April 1

The Ava/Douglas County Emergency Management Office will be hosting an Open House for their new offices and the new Emergency Operation Center, both located in the basement of the Douglas County Courthouse. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 10 a.m., April 1. City and county citizens will be able to tour the new facility between 10a.m. – 5 p.m.

Kansas City Metro EMDs' Project Community Alert Campaign

The Kansas City area Metropolitan Emergency Managers Committee, the National Weather Service, Price Choppers Groceries and Kansas City-based Midland Radio conducted their Project Community Alert campaign in conjunction with Severe Weather Week. The group's goal is to place 100,000 programmable, tone-alert weather radios in homes, schools, businesses in the eight counties in and around Kansas City. In the past two years, the group has distributed over 20,000 radios. In addition to publishing and distributing a 20-page printed guide at the Kansas City Home Show, area newspapers wrote safety features, and radio and television outlets conducted on-air interviews. The campaign also introduced a new 30-second public service announcement about the programmable radios.

Kansas City Dedicates New EOC

Kansas City Emergency Management recently dedicated their new Emergency Operations Center. City taxpayers approved a ¼ cent sales tax to increase public safety, including the construction of the new Emergency Operations Center. The EOC features redundant communications systems, wall projection capabilities, a Master

Control console, 25 workstations for response teams, classrooms, information sharing using WebEOC, radio communications updates, a computer aided dispatch system linking police and fire dispatchers with the EOC, three new computer servers, flood warning and camera systems and weather tracking capabilities.

Northland Fire Chiefs Host Hazardous Materials Response Team Display

The Northland Fire Chief's Hazard Materials Response Team will have a static display of equipment and Regional Emergency Preparedness Operations trailers at the Clay County Parking lot at 200 East Mill, Liberty Mo. on March 31 at 2:00 PM. The purpose of the display is to allow citizens an opportunity to see how their federal and local monies are being spent in the event of a Weapons of Mass Destruction incident. The team is responsible for responses in portions of Clay, Platte and Clinton counties and Ray County.

The Hazard Materials Response Team trailers and equipment were purchased through funding from the Office of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Missouri State Emergency Management Agency and the City of North Kansas City. The City of Liberty also contributed a 10% matching FEMA grant to the effort.

Hannibal Homeland Security Response Team Plans Display

The Hannibal Homeland Security Regional Response Team will have an open house for citizens of their new homeland security and hazardous materials response equipment on Friday, April 2, 2004. The Team will show citizens the trailers, personal protective gear and a decontamination unit purchased with Homeland Security grants in the event of a Weapons of Mass Destruction incident. The team will respond to hazardous materials incidents within a 50-mile radius of Hannibal to include Marion, Lewis, Clark, Knox, Shelby, Monroe, Audrian, Pike and Rauls Counties.

USGS Unveils Central States Prone to Earthquake Dangers Map, April 1

A new map from the U.S. Geological Survey and the Central United States Earthquake Consortium shows that Central States, including Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri, Kentucky and Indiana are among the most seismically active states east of the Rocky Mountains. More than 800 earthquakes are cataloged on the map, which depicts the locations of earthquakes large enough to be felt, since 1699. The new map will be unveiled simultaneously on April 1 in St. Louis, Memphis and Evansville, IN.

The large-format colored map, "Earthquakes in the Central United States 1699-2002" identifies the infamous New Madrid earthquakes of 1811 and 1812 which by today's standards would have been disastrous magnitude 8.0 +. But it also shows many smaller, but still destructive earthquakes including a magnitude 6.3 earthquake which shook eastern Arkansas in January of 1843; a magnitude 6.6 earthquake which shook residents of six states on Halloween morning in 1895 and was centered in southeastern Missouri; and a magnitude 5.4 earthquake which cracked foundations and toppled tombstones in southeastern Illinois in November of 1968.

Although earthquakes cannot be reliably predicted or prevented today, the new map and accompanying web site are intended to increase public awareness of Central earthquake hazards. The map represents the practical application of scientific knowledge into an effective earthquake hazard awareness tool. Copies of the map and fact sheet will be available by mail, telephone, (call 1-888-ASK-USGS) and on the Web homepage.

U.S. Department of Commerce – TOP Grant Application Deadline - April 27, 2004

The U.S. Department of Commerce will award 25 grants each totaling \$700,00 for Technology Opportunities for Emergency Services, Alcohol Abuse, Youth Mentoring, and HIV/AIDS Prevention Programs. The Department of Commerce's Technology Opportunities Program (TOP) promotes the widespread availability and use of digital-network technologies in the public and nonprofit sectors. As part of the department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), TOP gives grants for model projects demonstrating innovative uses of network technologies. TOP evaluates and actively shares the lessons learned from these projects to ensure that the benefits are broadly distributed across the country.

State, county, city, township, or special district governments, Independent school districts, and State institutions of higher education may apply for the grants. For application information on the TOP program go to: <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/top/grants/grants.htm>

First Responder Institute Grant Application Deadlines: June 30, Sept 30, and Dec 31

One of the largest problems faced by America's volunteer and professional fire service is funding. Most volunteer departments serve small, rural communities and are quite often the only line of defense in those communities. Unfortunately, these departments are struggling to provide their members with adequate protective clothing and safety devices to protect their communities.

First Responder Institute, Inc., a not-for-profit organization whose goal is to support U.S. fire departments and emergency service personnel, has partnered with TUMS to create the GSK/TUMS-First Responder Institute Challenge Grant Program. This grant-in-aid program allows needy fire departments to purchase special pieces of equipment, primarily firefighting equipment.

Fire departments are the intended recipients for these grants. Any not-for-profit entity, including but not limited to organizations with a 501(c)(3) designation, may apply. The primary goal of the program is to aid rural (small) departments that do not have a tax base for support. This does not mean that larger municipalities will not be considered, but smaller departments have precedence. A maximum of \$2,500 per department and one application per year will be considered. The requesting department must certify that they have an equal amount of cash to match the award. For information go to: http://www.firstresponder.org/grant_details.htm and online application: <http://www.firstresponder.org/apply.htm>